

REMARKS

This is a full and timely response to the final Office Action of May 19, 2005.

Reexamination, reconsideration, and allowance of the application and all presently pending claims are respectfully requested.

Upon entry of this Second Response, claims 1-20, 23, and 24 remain pending in this application. Claim 23 is directly amended herein, and claim 22 is canceled without prejudice or disclaimer via the amendments set forth herein. It is believed that the foregoing amendments add no new matter to the present application.

Claims 23 and 24 have been indicated as allowable by the outstanding Office Action if such claims are rewritten to include the limitations of their respective base claims. Accordingly, pending claim 23 has been amended herein to include the features of its base claim 22, and Applicants respectfully request that the objection to claim 23 be withdrawn. Further, claim 24 includes the features of allowable claim 23 and is, therefore, allowable as a matter of law. *In re Fine*, 5 U.S.P.Q.2d 1596, 1600 (Fed. Cir. 1988).


CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully request that all outstanding objections and rejections be withdrawn and that this application and all presently pending claims be allowed to issue. If the Examiner has any questions or comments regarding Applicants' response, the Examiner is encouraged to telephone Applicants' undersigned counsel.

Respectfully submitted,

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